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Milwaukee June 19<sup>th</sup> 1838

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Dear Sir

Last fall I sent to Prof. Dewey, of Rochester a package of plants collected in this vicinity, for you, accompanied by one intended for Dr. Darlington of West Chester Pa. with a request that you would forward the latter to the Dr. Mr. Dewey informs me that they were received and forwarded to you. I hope your engagements are not so pressing but that you can examine the package and favor me with the result of such examination.

Perhaps I am taking too much liberty with you, for a perfect stranger, but I hope you will excuse me on the ground of a fondness for a pursuit in which you have so successfully been engaged.

Are we to have a new Am. Edition of Lindley's Introduction to the Nat. System?

If the packages above alluded to should come to hand I hope you will forward the one intended for Dr. Darlington to him and oblige.

(Yours

L. A. Laport.

Dr. Torrey

from the J. J. Crocker Collection

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Recd. Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>  
1839



Ans. Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> Milwaukee August 16<sup>th</sup> 1839

Dear Sir

Some time since Dr Darlington wrote me that he had sent to you a package of plants for me and I have sent to N. York by merchants for it but as they cannot find your residence they are not able to procure it for me.

Will you be good enough to send me the package by the first opportunity. Captain A. M. Mitchell our Territorial Engineer — John H. Tweedy Canal Commissioner and John Hustis are now in N. York from this place and either of them would take charge of the package for me. You will probably find them by enquiring in Wall Street or at the Bank of America as they are on business connected with a Loan of Money for our Territory to build a canal, which is to be deposited in that Bank.

I have found several plants here not in my catalogue some of them probably undescribed — Among them *Arenaria patens* and a kindred (probably new) species. —

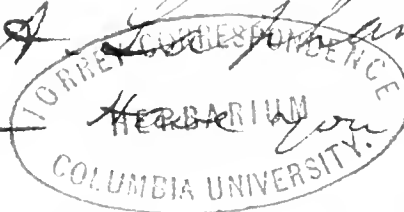
I have received only two numbers of the Flora when may I expect the rest?

If you have no opportunity of sending the package please inform me of your precise location in your enormous city!

Very respectfully yours

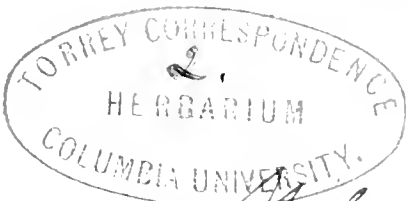
J. A. Cooper

Is the Geological Survey progressing?  
any Report?



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Dr John Torrey.  
New York  
N.Y.

Ans Oct-24



Milwaukee Sept 15th 1860

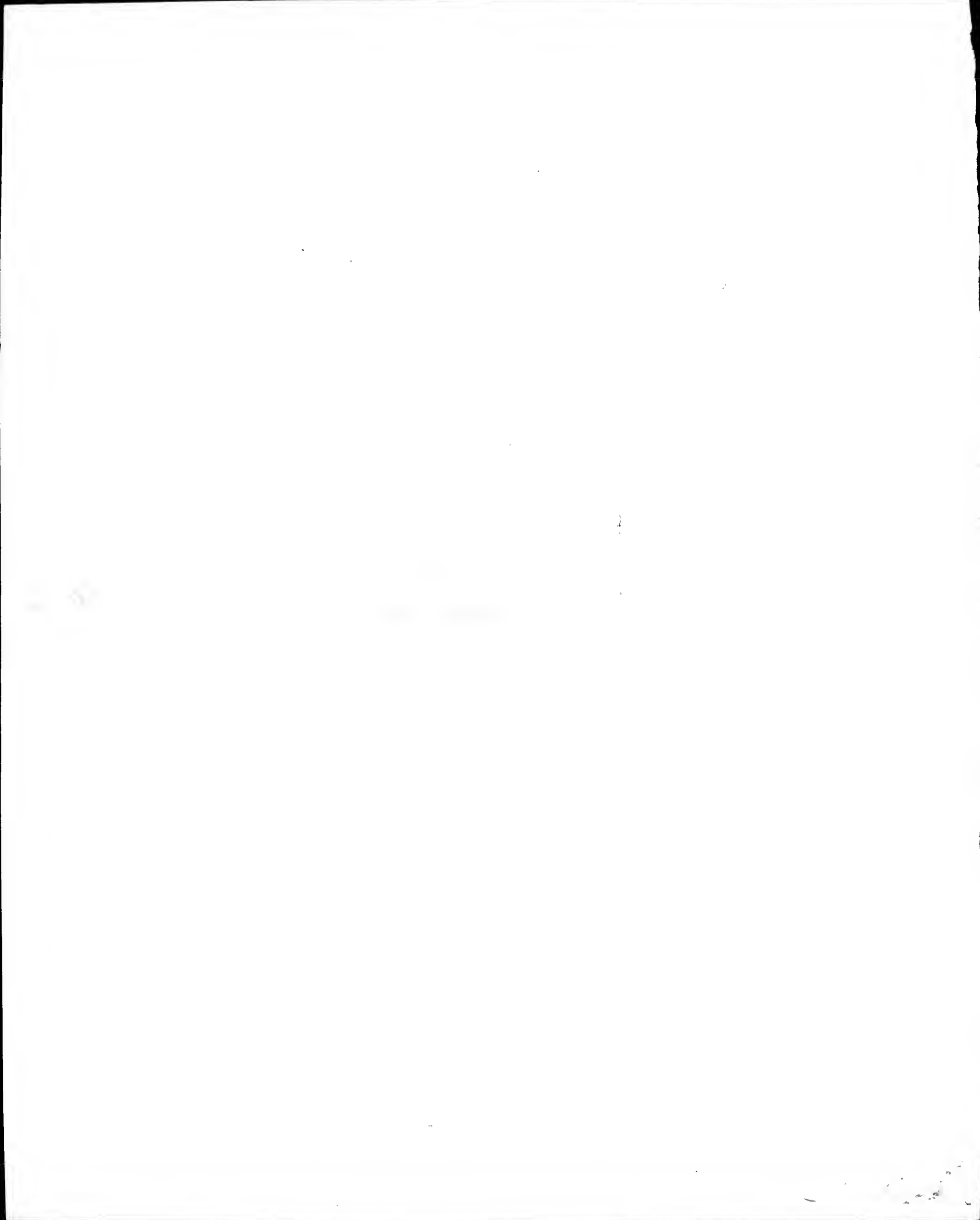
Dear Sir

Your highly esteemed favor of 26th ult making some observation on the plants I sent you by Mr Ludington was received a few days since. Agreeably to your request I have made up another parcel containing <sup>plants</sup> such as you desired, together with some others which I wish you to examine for me. The packet I have sent to Rochester to the care of Rev. C. Deway who will forward it to you. I hope you will soon receive it, & find its contents interesting.

I have not received the 3<sup>d</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> parts of the "Flora" although I paid the Messrs Carvill five dollars on account of my subscription, which will pay for the whole within one dollar which I now enclose to you. The work was to be sent me by mail, and I received the 2<sup>d</sup> part in that way. Will you be so good as to see that the other numbers are sent, for I am very anxious to receive them as soon as they are published.

Mr Ludington has promised to send me a copy of your Geological Report — Can you spare me a copy of that part of the Annals of the N.Y. Lyceum which contains your ~~paper~~ description of the grasses &c? It may be sent by mail.

Respectfully  
J. A. Lapham



And



Dear Sir

Your kind favor of the 24th ult has been received. The plants intended for you were sent to Prof. Dewey by Mr Hiram Leonard a friend of ours well acquainted with the Professor and who promised to deliver them safely. If you have not yet received them it would be well to write to Prof D. and perhaps you may yet obtain them.

X. Among them are some Compositae and some plants collected in the northern part of Illinois about which I wish your opinion. When they are received please have the goodness to send me the result of your examinations. I have sent all the plants that I supposed would interest or be of any use to you, except a species of Bidens probably the B. Beckii which I have found in a swamp here since the parcel was forwarded.

I have the Annals of the N. York Lyceum up to No 7 of Vol 3— they do not contain your memoir on the Cyperaceae; and as my friend who promised me a copy of

the Geological report has failed to send it I shall feel much indebted to you for a copy of each of these works. You must be sure however not to bring me so much in debt to you in this way that I shall never be able to repay your kindness.

I have received the 3<sup>d</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> parts of the Flora & hope to receive another volume soon.

Among the plants sent you is one called *Nasturtium hispidum* — Is this right

The *Lathyrus albidus* of Eaton's Manual 7<sup>th</sup> Ed. p. 362 appears to be the same as your *L. ochroleucus* Hook. Flora N. Am 1 p 275. — Which name has precedence?

Are not the *Crataegus flexuosa* and *Rosa Sargii* of Schw. (Long 2<sup>d</sup> Ex ii pp 387 & 388) entitled to places among the species?

Errata for the Flora.

Page 11 line 24 for p. 26. read p. 20.

" 428 " 3 fr. bot. for 22 read 12

Preface page xiii line 16 for Dr. Lapham read Mr. Lapham.

For I am simply your humble servant Mr

J. A. Lapham  
LOCKEY CORRESPONDENCE  
HERBARIUM  
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

Dr J. Torrey.



And March 1<sup>st</sup> -



6. New York Jan 23<sup>d</sup> 1841

Dear Sir

I send you by my friend Mr. Ludington two packages of plants one for Dr. Darlington & one for Mr. Curtis which I hope you will take the trouble to forward to those gentlemen. I would send a package for yourself, but I suppose I have sent you all that you wish for from here. The catalogue I sent you some weeks ago will enable you to decide this question. If there are any species in that catalogue which are still desiderata with you it will afford me pleasure to forward them.

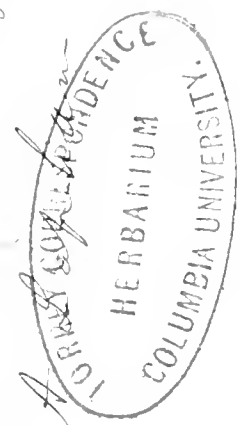
As you must have a great many duplicate specimens and as I have sent you some plants I hope you will not think I am asking too much to request you to send me such of the plants in the following list as you can conveniently spare; although I feel myself amply repaid by the trouble you have already taken in correcting my <sup>errors.</sup>

*Conium maculatum*  
*Discopleura capillacea*  
*Hydrocotyle Americana*  
*Attagene Americana*  
*Ranunculus piliformis*  
     *hirsutus*  
*Thelyctum Corynellum*  
*Magnolia glauca*  
*Filix pubescens*  
*Saxifraga Virginica*  
*Cactus opuntia*  
*Centaurella paniculata*  
*Ammannia humilis*  
*Nyssa biflora*  
*Potentilla tridentata*  
*Rubus odoratus*  
*Pappus oralis*  
     " *sanguinea*  
*Prunus depressa*  
*Urtica procera*  
*Celtis occidentalis*  
*Corylus rostrata*  
*Quercus coccinea*  
*Betula lenta*  
*Populus balsamifera*  
*Salix falcata*  
     " *prinoides*  
*Comptonia asplenifolia*  
*Myrica cerifera*  
*Acer Pennsylvanica*  
*Vitis cestivalis*  
*Geranium Robertianum*  
*Oxalis violacea*  
*Polygala pauciflora*  
*Hudsonia tomentosa*  
*Serracenia purpurea*  
*Cerastium oblongifolium*  
     " *viscosum*  
*Sagina procumbens*  
*Amaranthus hybridus*  
*Scleranthus annuus*  
*Achillea cannabina*  
*Atriplex arenaria*  
*Salsola Kali*  
*Podostemum ceratophyllum*  
*Callitriche linearis*  
*Ilex Canadensis*

*Azalea nudiflora*  
*Clethra alnifolia*  
*Kalmia glauca*  
*Rhodora Canadensis*  
*Pyrola asarifolia*  
*Apargia autumnalis*  
*Aster Novi Belgii*  
*Chrysanthemum leucanthemum*  
*Conyza amplexata*  
*Erigeron heterophyllus*  
*Inaphalium margaritaceum*  
*Androsace heloni*  
*Iva frutescens*  
*Kuhnia Virginica*  
*Mikania scandens*  
*Prenanthes virgata*  
*Fumilago palmata*  
*Cornus alba*  
     *coccinea*  
     *sericea*  
*Ligusticum vulgare*  
*Hottonia inflata*  
*Glaux maritima*  
*Utricularia purpurea*  
*Gerardia maritima*  
*Limnolobos subulata*  
*Rhinanthus crista-galli*  
*Vicandra physaloides*  
*Ballota nigra*  
*Clinopodium vulgare*  
*Galeopsis tetralix*  
*Stachys hyssopifolia*  
*Trichostema dichotoma*  
*Lithospermum arvense*  
*Lycopus arvensis*  
*Myosotis Virginiana*  
*Pinus balsamea*  
     *Canadensis*  
     *nigra*  
     *resinosa*  
*Sagittaria heterophylla*  
*Arethusa bulbosa*  
*Calopogon pulchellus*  
*Habenaria blephariglossa*  
     " *ciliaris*  
*Listera cordata*  
*Helonias divica*  
*Smilax rotundifolia*  
*Streptopus distertus*  
*Muhlenbergia perfoliata*  
     " *serotina*

*Sagittaria Virginica*  
*Sagittaria aquatica*  
*Potamogeton Canadensis*  
*Potamogeton maritima*  
*Costa marina*  
*Aiza flexuosa*  
*Avena mollis*  
*Arundo Canadensis*  
*Bromus m.*  
*Lolium perenne*  
*Poa Canadensis*  
*Polytrichum glomeratum*  
*Psamma arenaria*  
*Spartina glabra*  
*Trichochloa capillaris*  
*Eriophorum repens*  
*Utricularia spicata*  
*Utricularia aristulata*  
*Carex aquatilis*  
     *capitata*  
     *flexuosa*  
     *Halseyana*  
     *longirostris*  
*Cyperus Nuttallii*  
     *mariscoides*  
     *proformis*  
     *uncinatus*  
*Eriophorum angustifolium*  
     *Virginicum*  
*Rhynchospora alba*  
     *macrostachya*  
*Scirpus Capillaris*  
     *planifolius*  
*Schoenus mariscoides*  
*Equisetum palustre*  
     *scirpoides*  
*Aspidium dilatatum*  
     *Lancastrense*  
*Asplenium melanocaulon*  
*Botrychium fumaroides*  
*Lycopodium palmatum*  
*Ophioglossum vulgatum*  
*Osmunda spectabilis*  
*Polytrichum contrachile*  
*Struthiopteris Pennsylvanica*  
*Woodsia ilvensis*  
*Woodwardia angustifolia*  
*Lycopodium annotinum*  
     *clavatum*  
     *dendroideum*

List of plants taken from Hetchcocks Catalogue of *Milwaukee Wisconsin*  
 derived by J. A. *Spencer*

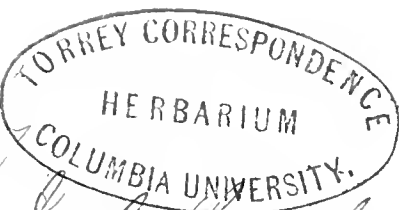


Have you received the plants I sent some time ago to Prof Dewey? — or have you heard whether he has received them?

If they have come to hand please give me a list of the names of such as are numbered.

I am very anxious to receive the numbers constituting the 2<sup>d</sup> vol of the Flora: — when may I expect them.

Respectfully



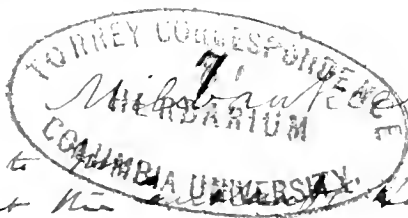
J. A. Lapham

Dr John Torrey.

Dr John Torrey 25  
New York

N. Y.

And May 8th - sent parcel to  
Lapham's friend . . . . .



April 9th 1841

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 11th ult has just come to hand and as you have been so unfortunate as not to receive the plants I sent you last autumn I have put up for you another parcel which I shall send by the first opportunity containing as many as I still have duplicates of, and hope they may reach you more speedily. Several of our merchants are to leave here in a few days for your city, and I will request one to take it directly to you, and receive in return whatever you may have put up for me.

It is my intention when I have ascertained the doubtful species, and have collected a great many more species from the prairies to prepare a complete catalogue arranged according to the Natural Method and to embrace the whole Territory from the southern extreme of Lake Michigan to Lake Superior. It would thus include many of the plants brought home by Maj Douglas, Dr Houghton and Mr Gay.

I am sorry to learn that so little confidence can be placed in the account given in Long's 2<sup>d</sup> Expedition, as I had intended to embrace there in the list. — Can you by reference to your notes without too much trouble tell me which species in that account are erroneous? — or should I neglect the whole as uncertain? — I send you the Pitium p. uniflorum Schw. — Was it not a new species? —

I hope you will take the trouble as heretofore to send me the result of your examination of the plants I send. Many of them I am unable to determine with certainty with the few books I have access to here in the West. Eaton's Manual 7th Edition is my principal authority, and his descriptions are not always sufficiently <sup>minute</sup> to enable me to determine our plants. —

You will find a beautiful narrow leaved gentian resembling in some respects the *G. crinita*, but which may rank as a distinct species. It is sometimes branched but usually consists of one straight erect stem crowned with one large flower as in the specimens sent you. The lower leaves are more round, but there like the round leaves of the hair bell (*Campanula rotundifolia*) are seldom to be found. One of the specimens sent you exhibits the rounded leaves

The specimens now sent are not so perfect as I could wish, for the best have been selected and sent to others — and I suppose I have sent you many species which will not interest you much.

If you will indicate any of which you or Dr Gray wish better or more specimens, it will afford me pleasure to furnish them during this season.

Yours truly

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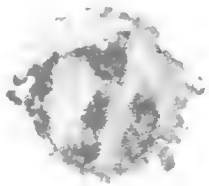
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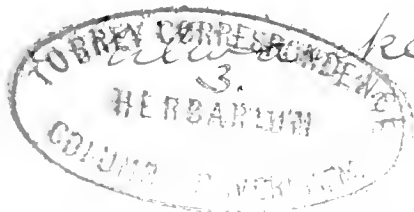
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Dr John Torrey  
New York City,  
N. Y.





Recd. Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>  
Am. Mus. 6<sup>th</sup>



Recd. Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> 1841

Dear Sir

Several days ago I put up for you a parcel of plants embracing such as I supposed may interest you and such as I could not determine satisfactorily. They are mostly of this years gathering.

Since then I have received No 1 of Vol 2 of the Flora which will enable me to decide upon some of them - but I hope you will have the goodness, as heretofore, to give me your opinion upon them. The new Gentian this year is mostly branched, in the same locality where they were last year mostly simple. I have sent you several specimens embracing all varieties, and have accompanied them with G. crinita that you may compare with specimens from the same locality.

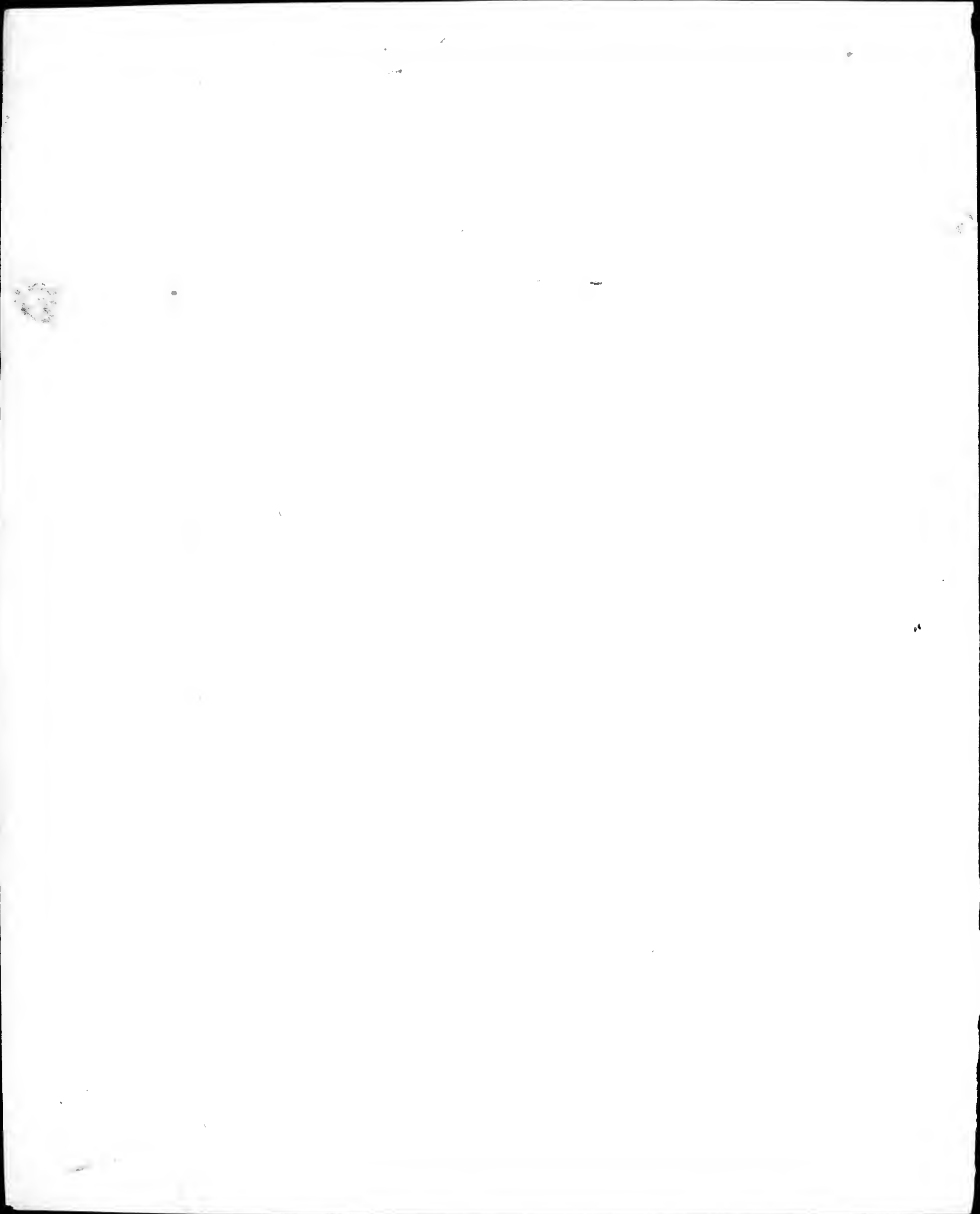
An absence of several weeks in the middle of the summer will account in part for the smallness of my contribution this year.

The plants are sent in a box, <sup>of Minerals, &c.</sup> to Mr. Wm H Pease care of G. E. Moore & Co, Nassau Street and I have requested Mr. P. to send them to you.

Dr John Torrey

Your truly  
J. A. Lupton



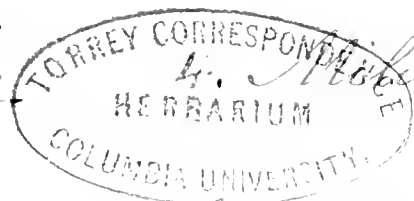


Recd. Dec 9th

And Jan 4, 1842

Wm. H. Pease, Nov 20th 1841

Dear Sir



Please have the goodness to revise and correct the preceding list and if you think its publication in Gillman's Journal would be interesting to botanists, please forward it to him for that purpose. I have a plant which you named *Gymnandina Houghtoniana* - Will you add it to the list in its proper place. Please also give a name - and the specific characters of the new *Genhain*; also of any other new plants which you may have received from me.

I sent you some time since a packet of plants from here containing such as I supposed would interest you of this year's gathering. It was put in a box directed to Wm H. Pease Esq. care of S. E. Morse & Co No 142 Nassau St. If you have not yet received it you may find it with Mr Pease —

I have recently sent you a box containing packages, which I wish you would, open and forward the packages. They are for

Dr J. Barrett Middletown Conn  
Dr A. W. Chapman Quincy Florida  
Rev. U. A. Curtis Hillsborough N.C.  
Dr Wm Carpenter Jackson La  
Dr Wm Darlington West Chester Pa  
Hartford Nat. Hist Society &  
Essex Co. Nat. Hist. Society (Salem Mass).

Perhaps I have done wrong to tax you so much as to send you all these packages for distribution and if so please inform me, and I will not trouble you again.

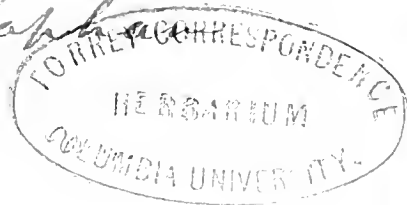
Will the "Final Reports" of the State Geologists of Mass. appear soon? - & what will be their cost.

I am very anxious to procure those of the Botanist Zoologist and Palaeontologist. - If you can send me copies of these I will remit to you their cost. -

Very truly yours

J. A. Laporte

Dr John Torrey.



Single  
Dr John Parrey  
New York  
City.



Ans.

Milwaukee Dec 22<sup>d</sup> 1841

Dear Sir



I have received your kind favor of 29<sup>th</sup> Nov stating that you had written to me two or three weeks before; and I am very sorry to have to inform you that no such letter has been received. This I regret very much, as I suppose in it you probably made some remarks upon the parcel of plants I sent you. Have you any memorandum from which you can give me a "second edition" of the letter? I am always anxious to hear from you, and am vexed to think that any letter from you should be lost.

I wrote to you again about a week ago by Mr Brown who will probably visit New York, and if so he will call upon you to see if you have any thing for me in the shape of plants either from yourself or from any other correspondents who may have sent through you.

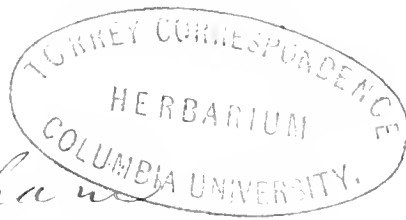
The box you mention was indeed from me, and I wrote you by mail concerning it,

I suppose the letter has, viz this, been received.

I shall in a few days put up a parcel for Dr Gray,  
of such as are supposed to be interesting, and will  
forward them by first opportunity.

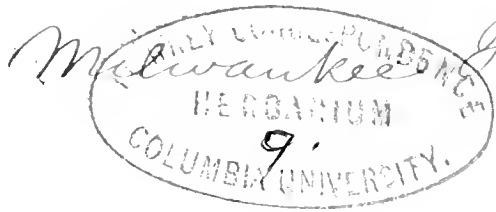
Very truly yours

J. A. Lapham



Dr Torrey

Rec? March 1842



February 18th 1842

Dear Sir

Yours of Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> was received yesterday. The letter of 6<sup>th</sup> Nov. containing notes on the plants sent you is unfortunately lost, and I regret this very much. I have now sent another parcel containing most of the doubtful species to Dr. Gray with a request that he would perform the same service for me. I have sent him also a list of the New York plants not in my Herbarium, which may also guide you in making up a parcel when you have nothing else to do.

I shall send you the specimens of Scum triflorum but they are all past flowering except one — They are however in the best state for specimens exhibiting the long feathers to good advantage. With them I will send a parcel for Mr. Buckley he having requested that it be sent to your care. They will be sent by the first safe private opportunity which

will probably be within a few weeks —  
I will send you specimens of any other  
plants you may desire for the State  
collection or for any other purpose with  
pleasure — and shall still consider myself  
deeply in your debt for past favors —

Yours truly

J. A. S. Lam

Dr John Torrey





I thank you for the use of  
these letters -

Miss Julia A. Lapham -

Oconomowoc

Wis.

May 24<sup>th</sup> 1897

